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SUBJECT: PULP & PAPER JEEP - RETURN FREIGHT

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1. USCOMOFF SHARES BEWT/TPD CONCERN OVER ALLEGED LOSS AND A DAMAGE TO M/K SYSTEMS EQUIPMENT WHICH WAS RETURNED TO USA FROM SUBJECT EXHIBITION.

2. WITH LIMITED FACILITIES AVAILABLE TO COMOFF, IT IS OUR PRACTICE TO HAVE PARTICIPATING COMPANIES REPACK THEIR OWN RETURN SHIPMENT. IN THIS CASE M/K SYSTEMS WAS REPRESENTED BY LEO WELT INTERNATIONAL.

3. A SOLUTION TO DAMAGE PROBLEM IS TO INSIST THAT FIRMS SHIP DELICATE INSTRUMENTS IN SPECIALLY FITTED CASES. THE MK SYSTEMS DISPLAY ITMES WERE SHIPPED TO MOSCOW IN CARDBOARD BOXES.

4. MOST IF NOT ALL OF OIL AND GAS ITMES WERE SHIPPED TO MOSCOW IN REUSABLE CONTAINERS. WE WOULD LIKE TO KNOW OF ANY DAMAGE INCURRED IN THIS RETURN SHIPMENT.

5. RE QUESTION OF REBOXING, WE CAN ONLY NOTE THAT ONCE MOSCOW CUSTOMS ACCEPTS GOODS, EMBASSY LOSE CONTROL. AS TPD AWARE, WE DO NOT HAVE A FREIGHT FORWARDER UNDER CONTRACT.
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USCOMOFF HAS REQUESTED THAT CUSTOMS OFFICIALS COME TO COMMERCIAL

OFFICE, INSPECT THE GOODS AND THEN SEAL FOR RETURN SHIPMENT.
THIS SYSTEM IS USED AT SOKOLNIKI PARK. CENTRAL CUSTOMS HAS
REFUSED THIS REQUEST.

6. BEWT/TPD SHOULD ADVISE PARTICIPATING COMPANIES TO SEND
MAXIMUM 500 PIECES OF LITERATURE ALONG WITH FREIGHT. USCOMOFF
HAS NEVER HAD AUDIENCE GREATER THAN 500. SEVERAL FIRMS IN
PULP AND PAPER SENT IN EXCESS OF 10,000 PIECES OF LITERATURE.
SHIPMENT OF PRINTED MATERIALS OUT OF COUNTRY CLEARLY BOTHERS
MOSCOW CUSTOMS OFFICERS, WHO TEND TO DELAY SHIPMENTS.

7. EXHIBITORS IN FEBRUARY AIR POLLUTION SEMINAR/EXHIBIT
SHOULD BE ADVISED TO PACK EQUIPMENT WITH GREAT CARE AND TO
USE STRONG NON-CARDBOARD CONTAINERS IN WHICH EQUIPMENT CAN
BE REPACKED FOR RETURN.
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